



Annual Arizona Aviation Day

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Thank you, and good afternoon, everyone.

Welcome to the Capitol -- and our Annual Arizona Aviation Day.

I'm delighted to be here to help emphasize just how important aviation is to the Arizona comeback.

It provides a powerful economic engine -- it produces jobs for all Arizona communities -- and it generates revenue to support aviation growth.

Airports really are economic catalysts.

According to one study, our airports support more than 470,000 jobs with an annual payroll estimated at \$14.7 billion.

And total annual economic activity associated with Arizona's airports is nearly \$39 billion.

We recently celebrated some aviation milestones in Arizona.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Marked its 75th year under the stewardship of the the City of Phoenix. -- which purchased Sky Harbor in 1935 for the sum of \$100,000.

The airport is now one of the 10 busiest airports in the nation, daily serving more than 100,000 passengers and handling more than 600 tons of cargo.

It's an economic and transportation hub connecting Arizona to global destinations and markets. The airport has a direct economic impact exceeding \$8 billion with more than 33,000 jobs.

Arizona is proud to support continued safety, security and capacity projects by matching Federal Aviation Administration grants and continuing the state's own Arizona Aviation Fund grant programs.

And our own Transportation Department ADOT is integrating aviation policies with highway, rail, and transit to provide a consistent and coordinated review and approval of all state transportation programs.

We continue to support public and private investments in aviation – and rail and surface transportation -- to create commerce centers that create jobs move products and services across our nation and into global markets.

So, it gives me great pleasure to issue the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, an efficient and reliable aviation system is a critical element of Arizona's overall transportation system and the vitality of our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the aviation industry had a \$38.5 billion impact on Arizona's economy; and

WHEREAS, over the next twenty years the total number of passengers at all twelve commercial service airports in the state is expected to nearly double; as well as the amount of cargo passing through our airports is expected to nearly double; and

WHEREAS, the total number of general aviation aircraft based in Arizona is expected to increase by more than 30 percent over the next twenty years.

Now, therefore, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2011:

ARIZONA AVIATION DAY !

Thank you.